UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI EASTERN DIVISION

CATHERINE HOLT SINGLETON O/B/O THE ESTATE OF EMMA D. HOLT, DECEASED, ET AL.

PLAINTIFF

V.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:08cv0098-DPJ-JCS

MERCK & CO., INC., ET AL.

DEFENDANTS

ORDER OF RECUSAL

This cause is before the Court, *sua sponte*, for purposes of recusal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455 (2000). It has come to the Court's attention that the undersigned's former law firm represents the Defendant Merck & Co., Inc. Therefore, it is appropriate under the standards set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 455 that the undersigned recuse himself from this case.

It is, therefore, ORDERED, that the undersigned recuses himself from all further proceedings in this case.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 15th day of September, 2008.

<u>s/ Daniel P. Jordan III</u> UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE